

## REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2007. Claims 1-50 are now present in this case. Claims 1, 15, 22, 29, and 41 are amended. New claim 50 has been added.

Claims 1-5, 12-15, 21, 22, 29, 35-41, and 47-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as anticipated by a journal article by Thevenaz et al. Claims 6-11, 16-20, 23-28, 30-34, and 42-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable by a journal article by Thevenaz et al. combined with a journal article by Hill et al. The applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and request reconsideration.

The applicants wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner for the telephone interview with the applicants and the applicants' attorney on November 15, 2007. During that interview, the applicants discussed proposed claim language that would distinguish the pending claims over the combination Thevenaz and Hill. The claims have been amended in accordance with that discussion and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the subject application and its allowance are kindly requested. The applicants have made a good faith effort to place all claims in condition for allowance. If questions remain regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 757-8029.

Respectfully submitted,  
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